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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: PETROGAL REFINERY EXPANSION
AND CARBON BLACK PLANT

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1. ACCORDING LOPEZ VAZ OF PETROGAL (SACOR) NEITHER LITWIN FRANCE NOR LITWIN U.S. RESPONDED IN TIME TO PETROGAL REQUIREMENTS. EVIDENTLY THERE WAS MIX-UP BETWEEN TWO LITWIN FIRMS. PETROGAL HAS INFORMED LITWIN U.S. OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. LOPEZ VAZ ADDED THAT TWO U.S. FIRMS, FOSTER WHEELER AND FLUOR, BEING CONSIDERED FOR PROJECT.

2. CARBON BLACK PLANT PROJECT TIMING AND DESIGN CONTRACT AWARD DEPENDENT UPON SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGY. THREE U.S. FIRMS, CONTINENTAL, HUBER AND ASHLAND, AND ROMANIAN FIRM UNDER CONSIDERATION. LOPEZ VAZ CLEARLY IMPLIED AWARD WOULD GO TO ONE OF THREE U.S. FIRMS BECAUSE ROMANIAN TECHNOLOGY IS INADEQUATE. DELAY IS NOW CAUSED BY NEGOTIATIONS OVER TYPE OF PARTICIPATION BY U.S. FIRMS. GOP DESIRES ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURE IN WHICH U.S. FIRM'S CAPITAL INPUT SHOULD CONSIST OF TECHNOLOGY. GIVEN COST OF TECHNOLOGY, FIRM WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 70/30 PORTUGUESE MAJORITY OWNED AND U.S. FIRM WOULD RECEIVE ROYALTIES AFTER INITIAL
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LICENSING ARRANGEMENT. (COMMENT: THIS VENTURE APPEARS TO BE SIMILAR TO JOINT PORTUGUESE-FRENCH FIRM ESTABLISHED TO PRODUCE PETROCHEMICALS IN WHICH PORTUGUESE HAVE 72/28 MAJORITY.) MOST OF CARBON BLACK OUTPUT WOULD BE FOR PORTUGAL BUT U.S. FIRM EXPECTED TO HELP MARKET ANY SURPLUS.

3. LITWIN WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR CARBON BLACK PLANT,
ALTHOUGH PRIMARY FACTOR WILL BE SELECTION OF LICENSOR
WHICH WILL THEN HAVE ROLE IN CHOOSING DESIGN SERVICES.
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